

Placer Ultimate Brewing Society (PUBS) Competition Guidelines

In the spirit of fun, fairness and great beer the following rules are being set forth to provide monthly club competition guidance to PUBS members and Cellar Masters.

Purpose:

Club competitions are held to help educate club members in the styles of beer/mead/etc. and to recognize significant areas of style quality to improve the quality of beer brewing.

General Guidelines:

Within reason...

- The name of the brewer of the beer being judged should remain anonymous.
- Except for Brewer’s Best / Worst competitions, Brewers who have an entry in the competition should not judge. It’s allowable for them to join a judging group, but they should announce that they have a beer in the competition and will not be judging. It is reasonable for the brewer to listen and agree or disagree, but not influence scores.

As applicable, PUBS use the Beer Judge Certification Program’s 2015 Style Guide as a guideline for judging beer. This reference can be found at the following URL:

https://www.bjcp.org/docs/2015_Guidelines_Beer.pdf

In-Person Meeting Competition	Remote Meeting Competitions
Entry Submission	
All entries will be submitted to the cellarmaster prior start of the meetings.	All entries will be submitted to the designated club Cellar Master and drop-off location by the published entry due date and time
Entries will be submitted to the cellarmaster with a removable label that identifies it with the BJCP Category, Subcategory, Subcategory Name and Brewer’s name.	Entries will be submitted to the cellarmaster with a removable label that identifies them with the BJCP Category, Subcategory, Subcategory Name and Brewer’s name. The cellarmaster will assure that all brewer identifiable markings are removed from the bottles prior to submission to the judges.
Entries may be submitted in any suitable container that is easily stored and poured from (i.e., small keg, growler, bottles, jars...) NOTE: It is up to the brewers to provide a means to keep their entries cold.	Entries shall be submitted in 12 oz. label free brown bottles.
It is recommended that the brewer provide 44 oz. of beer for adequate judging and sampling.	A minimum of 3 – 12 oz. bottles, one for each judge, shall be provided. We highly recommended that at least one additional bottle (or more) be provided for other club members to sample at the drop-off location.
Out of safety for our membership, PUBS has set a maximum limit of twelve entries per competition. A brewer may submit one entry per competition.	A brewer may submit one entry per competition. Note: additional beers may be entered for feedback purposes only. These beers must be designated “For Feedback Only” prior to the competition.

Competition Results	
Entries shall be judged by the membership in attendance. Voting can be done in roughly equal groups or individually as determined by the Cellar Master.	Entries are judged by three BJCP judges, or designated individuals established by the board prior to the judging.
<p>Style specific competitions: BJCP score sheets or a club supplied score sheets shall be used. The three beers with the highest sum score are declared winners with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranking being determine by the sum of the score. The highest sum winning first, the second highest sum winning second and the third highest sum winning third.</p> <p>Brewer's Best / Worst Competitions: Members are asked to vote for their top three beers – non-ranked. The winning beers are determined by the number of votes (occurrences) on the ballots. The top three vote earners are declared the winners. In the case that there are three or fewer entries, member will be asked to only vote for the total number of entries minus one. For example, if there are three entries, member shall only write down there top two.</p>	Entries shall be scored using BJCP score sheets. The beers earning the highest total shall be declared the winners.
If two or more beers finish in a tie, then a tie is declared and points (see below) are awarded for the place/rank they tied - First, Second or Third. Entries with lower scores are not pushed out of their rank due to a tie at a higher rank. For example, if there is a tie for first between two beers the second and third place beers still earns points, while first place beers are awarded first place points. In this case there would be four winners.	In case of a tie the final ranking shall be determined by the judges in case of a tie.
Results will be announced at the general meeting following the judging.	Results will be announced at the general meeting following the judging. Judges may request the names of the brewers once the competition scores have been submitted to the cellarmaster; however, the overall results shall remain confidential until announced at the general meeting.
Points shall be awarded as follows: First Place: 12 points Second Place: 6 points Third Place: 3 points	Points shall be awarded as follows: First Place: 12 points Second Place: 6 points Third Place: 3 points
Special Competitions	
Special competitions, such as the local brewery clone competitions, shall be judged in the same manner as a Brewer's Best competitions above. Judging criteria will be established prior to the competition. Points will be awarded as indicated above.	Special competitions that require remote judging will be judged by a guest panel representing the competition sponsor, brewery or organizer, or a club designated judge or panel of judges.

<p>In addition, there may be a guest panel of judges who select their favorite entry based on the judging criteria. No points will be awarded to the winner of this judging panel; however, “Bragging” rights will be observed. An optional prize may be given to the winner(s) of these competitions by the guest panel or club.</p>	<p>BJCP judge sheet are encouraged, but not required.</p> <p>First, second and third places will be awarded by the judging panel. Points will be awarded as indicated above.</p> <p>An optional prize may be given to the winner(s) by the guest panel or club.</p>
<p>Brewer of the Year</p>	
<p>The PUBS Brewer of the Year will be awarded to the brewer who accumulates the most points per the above guidelines.</p>	